

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 1988 AT 10:00 A.M.
IN BC-110, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE:

Present were:

C.H. Langford (Chair), P. Fazio, D. Gold,
G. Johns, M. Kusy, R.H. Pallen, C.Y. Suen,
A.J. Williams, S. Bulzan (Secretary)

Absent with regrets:

V. Baba, K. Lipke, A. Mohammad, M.N.S. Swamy

Absent:

B. MacKay, E. Reyes

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED & DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

SRC-88-11-03-D55	UQAM 1986-87 REPORT FOR RESEARCH (memo to C.H. Langford from A.J. Williams)
SRC-88-11-03-D56	CHAPITRE 1 - LES PRINCIPALES CARACTERISTIQUES DU FINANCEMENT DE LA RECHERCHE ET DE LA CREATION A L'UNIVERSITE DU QUEBEC A MONTREAL
SRC-88-11-03-D57	ANATOMY OF A COMPETITION - ONTARIO'S CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Dr. C.H. Langford occupied the Chair.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1.1 It was moved and seconded (Kusy, Fazio) and unanimously
RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Senate Research Committee meeting of 6 October 1988 be approved.

II. CHAIR'S REMARKS

A. Report on Networks of Centres of Excellence Competition

2.1 The Chair reported that the Quebec government will be contributing \$200,000 to the Centres of Excellence program in order to assist in the preparation of proposals. Groups will be able to request reimbursement after proposals have been submitted.

2.2 The Chair mentioned that responses from the Inter-Council Program Directorate were received. The Letters of Intent were judged according to four categories:

- within terms of reference
- in competition with similar proposals
- requiring significant improvement
- outside terms of reference of program

The Chair reported that of the five Letters of Intent submitted by Concordia, none were judged outside the terms of reference. At least three were in the favorable category, and most required improvement. Out of the 238 Letters of Intent submitted, the Chair reported that Concordia is involved in approximately 24.

B. Anatomy of a Competition - Ontario's Centres of Excellence Program

2.1 The Chair referred to Ontario's report of the Centres of Excellence competition. The document describes how ideas for Centres arose, how they were carried out, factors of success, etc.

C. Academic Planning in the Faculty of Arts & Science

2.1 The Chair reported that the Arts & Science Faculty Council's response was sent to Senate's Academic Planning and Priorities Committee.

D. Meeting of Centre Directors

2.1 The Committee was informed that the meeting of Centre Directors will be held 23 November 1988. Feedback from the Centres Questionnaire will be reported at the December SRC meeting.

E. Quebec Technological Summit

- 2.1 Dr. Suen requested information regarding the Quebec Technological Summit which was held recently in Montreal. The general view was that the meeting was favorable and that there will be provincial contribution to the Centres of Excellence program.

F. Director of Research Services - A.J. Williams

- 2.1 The document highlighting the Centres of Excellence proposals in which Concordia is involved was circulated.
- 2.2 Ms. Williams indicated that a one-page Newsletter will be distributed describing the requirements for completion of the Networks of Centres of Excellence proposals.
- 2.3 The Chair stated that a memo had been written to the Acting Vice-Rector, Academic suggesting that decisions regarding University commitment to the Centres of Excellence program would have to be made promptly.
- 2.4 Ms. Williams reported that 47 SSHRC applications were submitted; 57 FCAR 'Nouveaux Chercheurs' applications; 33 FCAR 'Soutien aux équipes' applications; and 108 NSERC applications. Ms. Williams indicated that a letter received from NSERC regarding the allocation of next year's budget will be summarized in the next Newsletter.

G. Allocation of Hydro-Québec Money

- 2.1 Following discussion with Dr. Giguère at the SRC meeting of 6 October 1988, Dr. Pallen suggested that the Committee ask the Vice-Rector, Services what his intentions are for use of this money.
- 2.2 The Chair will forward a request to Dr. Giguère asking that the SRC be advised of the possibilities. As well, it will be suggested that there be wide consultation throughout the University.

III. STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH FUNDING - ANALYSIS OF THE UQAM APPROACH

- 3.1 The analysis of UQAM's strategies for development of research funding was circulated to the Committee along with a document prepared by A.J. Williams describing UQAM's 1986-87 report for research.
- 3.2 The Committee compared Concordia and UQAM's funding of research and concluded that something should be done to increase Concordia's awareness of research.
- 3.3 The Chair stated that he will prepare a document characterizing the problem for presentation to the Senate meeting of 4 November 1988.

IV. ELECTION OF HUMANITIES REPRESENTATIVE

- 4.1 The following names were presented by A.J. Williams as candidates for the Humanities representative on the SRC. A short description of their background was provided.
 - Dr. F. Bird, Religion
 - Dr. R. MacKay, TESL
 - Dr. R. Rudin, History
- 4.2 The Committee voted by preferential ballot recording first, second and third choices. A decision was made to nominate Dr. R. Rudin who will be informed by the Chair. Dr. F. Bird was chosen as the Committee's second choice for Humanities representative.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.